

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**NEW AMSTERDAM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,**

**Plaintiff,**

**- against -**

**MICHAEL M. WILSON, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

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**MEMORANDUM  
OPINION & ORDER**

**11 Civ. 9716 (RLE)**

**RONALD L. ELLIS, United States Magistrate Judge:**

Plaintiff New Amsterdam Capital Partners, LLC (“New Amsterdam”) brings this action against Defendant Michael Wilson, Michael M. Wilson, M.D., J.D. & Associates (“Wilson”) for breach of contract, fraud, conversion, and specific performance. Wilson removed the action from state court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, 1446. The Parties have consented to this Court’s jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Before the Court is a discovery dispute between the Parties where Wilson is requesting identification information of New Amsterdam’s investors.

The Court ordered New Amsterdam to produce relevant conversations that took place between New Amsterdam and its investors. In its production, New Amsterdam redacted the identities of its investors. Wilson objected to the redactions. During a recent telephone conference, Wilson was directed to explain the relevance of the investor’s identification information. By letter dated April 18, 2013, Wilson argued that his usury defense entitled him to discovery from the investors in order to ascertain “the level of risk that they understood themselves to be taking when financing Mr. Wilson’s litigation.” Wilson April 18, 2013 Let. to the Court. This response fails to address why the unredacted conversations are insufficient on

the issue of the investor's understanding of the risk associated with the loans. Wilson having failed to demonstrate why specific names are relevant to the issue he has identified, his application for unredacted communications between New Amsterdam and its investors is **DENIED.**

**SO ORDERED** this 1st day of May 2013  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald L. Ellis", written over a horizontal line.

**The Honorable Ronald L. Ellis**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**